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SUBJECT: DAILY MEDIA REACTION REPORT - MAY 1-2

1. PRESIDENT NIXON' S WATERGATE ADDRESS

RECEIVES TOP MEDIA NEWSPLAY. SAMPLE HEADLINES MAY 1:

INDEPENDENT JORNAL DO BRASIL (RIO): " WATERGATE BRINGS

DOWN ONE GABINET MEMBER AND THREE OTHER NIXON AIDES;"

MODERATE JORNAL DE BRASILIA: " NIXON ACCEPTS RESPENSIBILI TY

IN WATERGATE CASE." MAY 2 HEADLINES TAKE SLIGHTLY

DIFFERENT TURN: JORNAL DO BRASIL: " FBI OCCUPIES WHITE

HOUSE TO GUARD WATERGATE FILES"; JORNAL DE BRASILIA:

" NIXON' S EXPLANATION DOES NOT OVERCOME CRISIS ." ONLY

COMMENTARY SO FAR APPEARED IN MAY 1 JORNAL DO BRASIL, IN

EDITORIAL WHICH LAUDED ROLE OF FREE PRESS AND OPEN

SOCIETY IN BRINGING WATERGATE CASE TO PRESENT STATE.

EDITORIAL ALSO SAID " THE FIRINGS WHICH WERE ANNOUNCED

WILL HELP, A LITTLE, IN RESTORING THE WHITE HOUSE' S IMAGE

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IN THE EYES OF AMERICA AND THE WORLD. BUT ONLY TIME...
CAN RELIEVE THE IMPACT (THE WATERGATE CASE HAS HAD) ON
PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORITY...."

2. HEAVY PRESS PLAY ON EVENTS IN ARGENTINA EMPHASIZES
INSTITUTION OF DEATH PENALTY IN BUENOS AIRES FOR CERTAIN
ACTS OF TERRORISM AND PRESIDENT LANUSSE' S CALL FOR A
MEETING WITH PRESIDENT- ELECT CAMPORA REGARDING TER-
RORIST SITUATION.

3. COMMENTARY CONTINUES ON COMMUNIST FORCES' CAMBODIA
ACTIVITIES:

(A) PRESTIGIOUS O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO EDITORIAL SAYS:
" THERE IS ONLY ONE DIPLOMATIC ALTERNATIVE: TO SEE THAT
MOSCOW AND PEKING CONVINCE HANOI NOT TO CARRY OUT A MAJOR
NEW OFFENSIVE. BEFORE BREZHNEV, WHO HOPES TO CONCLUDE
IMPORTANT TRADE AGREEMENTS, GOES TO WASHINGTON, HE WILL
BE MOST ATTENTIVE TO THE U. S. ARGUMENTS." (MAY 1)
(B) CLOVIS STENZEL, WRITING IN HIS DIARIO DE BRASILIA
COLUMN SAYS: " THE AMERICANS WERE NOT CONDUCTING A WAR
OF CONQUEST IN VIETNAM. THEY WERE THERE TO PREVENT THE
SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE FROM BECOMING DOMINATED BY FORCE,
FROM BEING ENSLAVED, AS IT NOW APPEARS THEY WILL BE, BY
MARXISM- LENINISM. PROPAGANDA WITHIN THE UNITED STATES
GAVE AN UNREALISTIC, TOTALLY TURNED- AROUND IMAGE REGARD-
ING THE REASONS FOR THE VIETNAM WAR. NOW IT IS CAMBODIA
WHICH IS BEING ATTACKED BY THE ENEMY, BY NORTH VIETNAM,
WITH THE AID OF THE COMMUNIST SUPERPOWERS." (APRIL 29)

4. PRESIDENT NIXON' S MESSAGE ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BILL
RECEIVES MODERATE, STRAIGHTFORWARD NEWS PLAY. CONSER-
VATIVE O GLOBO (RIO) NEWS LEAD USES A CHARACTERISTIC
APPROACH IN REPORTING THAT " BRAZIL WILL RECEIVE A MINOR
PORTION OF THE 236 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS DESTINED FOR
LATAM, BECAUSE OF ITS GREAT PROGRESS." (MAY 2)
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